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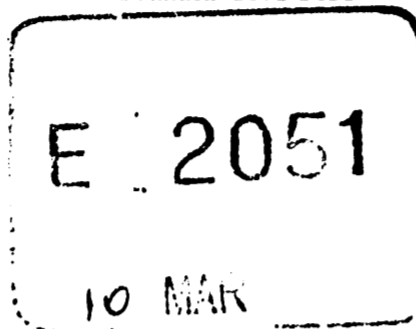
## ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION

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March 7, 1947.


Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
S.W.1.

Sir,

I am instructed to transmit herewith a copy  
of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Council of the  
Anglo-Jewish Association at its meeting on the 4th inst.  
and of the remarks of the President in moving the same.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
S. D. Temkin  
Secretary.

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Anglo-Jewish Association

Resolution adopted by the Council  
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- (i) The Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association takes note of the decision announced by His Majesty's Government to consult the United Nations with regard to the future of Palestine and, while regretting that it has been found necessary to prolong the period of suspense, hopes that the course of action now resolved upon may lead to the just and lasting settlement anxiously desired by British Jews and by the British people as a whole.
- (ii) Since consultation with the United Nations must necessarily involve a considerable period of delay in coming to a final decision, the Council, deeply moved by the desperate condition of the Jewish refugees and displaced persons in Europe, most earnestly appeals to His Majesty's Government to consent, as an act of humanity, to a substantial increase in the existing monthly immigration quota of 1,500 for an interim period of at least six months.

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ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION

Statement by the President (Mr. Leonard Stein)  
at a meeting of the Council  
March 4, 1946.

Within the past few days Jewish terrorists in Palestine have once more dishonoured the Jewish name and struck at the foundations of the Jewish National Home. For British Jews there is something inexpressibly painful in the loss of British lives in Palestine at the hands of Jewish assassins. Again and again, in common with other representative bodies of British Jews, we have raised our voice in denunciation of these hideous deeds and of the inflammatory propaganda which, intentionally or not, has sown the seeds of terrorism and must share the guilt. We see the calamitous end to which the tragedy is moving but are powerless to avert it. We can but record our grief, our burning anger, and our passionate protest.

The measures initiated by the military authorities in Palestine are severe but, in my opinion, be it popular or not, are warranted by a situation which has now become intolerable. The representative Jewish bodies in Palestine were invited not long ago to co-operate with the Government in the suppression of terrorism. Most unwisely, as it seemed to many of us, they expressed their inability to do so but undertook to deal with the terrorists in their own way. I do not doubt their sincerity, but in this, too, they have failed. Painful as are the events now in progress, it seems clear, unhappily, that a point has been reached at which there is no other way.

Such is the sombre background to our discussion this afternoon. The Council has before it the report of the Committee appointed on September 12, when the Palestine Conference was on the eve of assembling. The Conference has now broken down, and, thanks to the ill-advised tactics of the Jewish Agency, has broken down without having been attended at any stage by Jewish representatives.

The report before the Council makes our own position in the matter abundantly clear. When the invitation reached us, we promptly nominated delegates to represent us in connection with the Conference. At the same time, we thought it wise to refrain, for the moment, from taking an active part in its proceedings.

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We were satisfied that much would turn upon the presence or absence of the Jewish Agency. We were clearly of opinion that the Agency ought to accept the invitation. It was known to be wavering. We believed - and, in my judgment, rightly believed - that we should best serve the public interest by awaiting what we had reason to hope would be a favourable decision - a decision which we used such influence as we had to encourage. On September 25 we knew that our hopes had been disappointed. We at once made it clear to the Colonial Office that, so far as we were concerned we were in the fullest sympathy with the objects of the Conference, that we stood ready to take part in its work at any stage at which we could usefully do so, and that we were at the Government's disposal for any service which it was thought that we could render in this connection.

The action taken in the name of the Association was approved in a resolution adopted at a Special General Meeting on September 29 and communicated to the Colonial Office and to the press. Our position was again made clear in a resolution in a similar sense adopted at our Annual General Meeting in January. The terms of that resolution were likewise communicated to the Government Departments concerned and have been published in the press.

Though the Jewish Agency persisted to the end in absenting itself from the Conference, what it is the fashion to call "talks" have taken place between representatives of the Agency and of His Majesty's Government. I notice that Dr. Weizmann, addressing the English Zionist Federation last month, observed that he could see no difference between going into the Conference and engaging in "talks", unless it were that the "talks" did not involve the presence of the other Jewish bodies invited to the Conference. Dr. Weizmann made it clear that, in his opinion, the tactics of the Agency in this as in other respects had been ill-advised. However that may be, the "talks" with the Jewish Agency have proved as abortive as the Conference with the Arabs, and no agreed settlement is in sight.

Early in February the proposals printed at the end of the recent White Paper were communicated to all the Jewish bodies,

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including our own, which had been invited to the Conference. After an interview with the Colonial Secretary on February 14, Mr. Laski and I, having consulted our Committee, submitted our observations, copies of which have been circulated. It will be seen that, after raising a number of specific questions on the Plan, we suggested that it would have had a better prospect of achieving its purpose if it had pointed more clearly towards some form of partition. We said advisedly "some form of partition", for partition could take a variety of forms and need not necessarily be inconsistent with the reservation of certain links between the several areas.

By this time it had become clear that the Plan would not be accepted, even as a basis for discussion, either by the Arab Delegations or the Jewish Agency. The same fate had befallen the Morrison Plan, which the Jewish Agency - I am inclined to think unwisely - had rejected out of hand as unworthy of examination. His Majesty's Government have now decided in despair to submit the problem of Palestine to the United Nations. I say "in despair" because it is difficult to suppose that such a decision can have been reached without reluctance and misgiving. It involves delay, suspense and mounting tension, with no certainty as to what may lie at the end of the road. The United Nations Organisation has proved itself an admirable arena for catch-as-catch-can contests, with no holds barred, between contending groups of Powers. It remains to be seen whether, at its present stage of development, it can be relied upon to move this time on a loftier plane. The United Nations will not solve the problem unless they succeed in combining an objective mind with a degree of imaginative insight.

If I may say so without disrespect, I am not sure that in his impressive but somewhat discouraging speech in Parliament on February 25, Mr. Bevin himself did not show an imperfect appreciation of some aspects of the Jewish case.

Speaking of the White Paper of 1939, Mr. Bevin advanced the view that, once approved by Parliament, the White Paper assumed the character of an international undertaking, which could not be set aside save by way of negotiation. It is not clear

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that hint may be taken. I hope that on all sides, and in any case on the Jewish side, there may yet be a resolute effort to advance constructive proposals which may point a way out of the present impasse before Palestine gets swept into the whirlpool of Lake Success.

There is one other speech in the debate to which I should like to refer. It is that of the Liberal leader, Mr. Clement Davies:

"Nothing" he said, "has been so terribly sad and agonising as the attitude of the Jews.....with regard to this country, its Government and its people. No nation in the world has been as generous to the Jewish people as this nation; it has not only opened its gates and protected them, but made every office in the land open to them. That, I agree, has not only been to their advantage but to the advantage of this country. But it ill becomes anyone, anywhere, to malign this country; still more, to destroy young British men who are actually in Palestine to try to ensure justice and fairness".

If, outside this country, there are - as, unhappily, there seem to be - Jews who need a reminder of what Britain is and what she stands for, I hope that they will take these words to heart.

Before I conclude I desire to draw attention to the second part of the resolution which it devolves upon me to move. Opinions may differ as to the decision to refer the Palestine problem to the United Nations, but one thing is certain: it involves an extension - it may prove to be a prolonged extension - of the agonising period of suspense. Mr. Bevin gave an undertaking in Parliament that Jewish immigration would be permitted to continue at not less than the present rate of 1,500 a month. That assurance, though welcome as far as it goes, is inadequate to the urgent needs of the situation. The condition of the Jewish refugees and displaced persons in Europe has become desperate. It is most earnestly to be hoped that His Majesty's Government may consent to a substantial increase in the Palestine quota for an interim period of at least six months. It will, I am certain, be the unanimous desire of the Council that we should appeal for this act of humanity with all the force at our command.

MOTION.

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Due credit must be given to the British Administration for the creation of an orderly system of Government, the progressive development of the public services and the execution of important public works. Without these the Jewish effort would have been crippled, but it can justly be claimed that what the Jews have achieved in Palestine is in the main the fruit of Jewish exertions.

Any settlement now proposed ought clearly to be such as to ensure the preservation of the values created by the Jews in Palestine, leave them free to develop their own way of life, and guarantee the secure enjoyment of their right to collective self-expression.

(iii) From a humanitarian standpoint it is of urgent practical importance that Palestine should not remain closed, or barely open, to Jewish immigration. The present monthly quota of 1,500 bears no relation either to the absorptive capacity of Palestine or to Jewish needs. The Committee will not require to be reminded of the desperate plight of the Jewish displaced persons and refugees in Germany and Austria or of the precarious position of the Jewish communities in various parts of Eastern Europe, the Near East and North Africa. Nor is it necessary to labour the point that save for Palestine there is no quarter to which these Jews can look for early and substantial relief.

It follows that no settlement can be regarded as satisfactory which does not carry with it an immediate reversal of the restrictive immigration policy now in force, commencing with the prompt admission to Palestine of at least a considerable proportion of the Jewish displaced persons and refugees in Europe.

3. The Anglo-Jewish Association has no desire to over-simplify the problem. While attaching paramount importance to the

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4. It is clear that under the conditions prevailing in Palestine majority rule under a unitary regime will not provide the correct solution of the problem of self-government. It would have the effect of placing in Arab hands decisions vitally affecting the development and, indeed, the existence of the Jewish National Home. On grounds alike of justice, good faith, and expediency, this position can plainly not be allowed to arise.

5. Nevertheless, the constitutional problem exists and must be faced. The Arabs justly ask for a more effective opportunity of managing their own affairs. So also do the Jews. Both would benefit by being allowed and, indeed, compelled to assume the burden of responsibility.

6. The problem thus presented is not one which admits of an ideal solution. The Anglo-Jewish Association appreciates the difficulties and disadvantages of partition, but on a realistic view of the situation it can see no preferable alternative. There is, however, one further consideration to be taken into account. Palestine is a small country with limited natural resources, of which water is among the most important. It would be to the advantage of all parties that economic development should not be unnecessarily obstructed by political barriers. For this and other reasons, some measure of unity should, if possible, be preserved. With this in mind, it is proposed by the Anglo-Jewish Association that, while the principle

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principle of partition should be accepted, it should be applied in a form not necessarily involving the dissolution of all links between the several areas.

7. The Committee of Enquiry will have before it the White Paper (Cmd. 7044) containing, inter alia, the Provincial Autonomy Plan. In the form in which it is set forth in the White Paper the Plan appears to the Association to have serious defects. On the other hand, the Association believes that, if modified as suggested below, it would point the way to as satisfactory a solution of the problem as its inherent difficulties permit.

8. The proposed modifications are substantial but, in the view of the Association, are indispensable, if the scheme is to achieve its purpose. They are as follows:

- (i) The allocation of powers should be altered in favour of the "provinces".
- (ii) The transfer of powers should be effected by stages, but so that at the end of a not very long transitional period the Central Government would be left with a bare minimum of reserved subjects.
- (iii) The members of the "provincial" Governments should be selected by a democratic process. They should not be nominees or appointees of the Central Government.
- (iv) The "provinces" should have full control over immigration into, and settlement in, their respective areas.
- (v) At the end of the transitional period the "provinces" should be invited to choose between (a) a federal system, (b) some arrangement intermediate between this and separation, e.g., a Customs Union or the like, and (c) if they can agree on neither of these courses, separation.
- (vi) The area proposed for the "Jewish Province", as shown on the map included in the White Paper, should be

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(vii) The Negev should be made available for Jewish colonisation to the full extent of the facilities which it may from time to time be practicable to provide.

(viii) In the Jerusalem area, reserved by the Plan for special treatment, the regime should be such as to preclude discrimination on grounds of race or religion in the matter of entry into and settlement in the area, the acquisition of land or otherwise.

9. The Anglo-Jewish Association attaches great importance to that part of the White Paper (Cmd. 7044, at page 7) which urges that "the need for economic development in Palestine should be considered against the background of the Middle East as a whole", and contemplates the execution of development schemes on a regional basis. The Association reiterates the view, which it has expressed on previous occasions, that a settlement doing justice to Jewish rights and needs in Palestine could and should be carried out in conjunction with measures designed to further the progress and enhance the prosperity of the Arab States and generally to contribute to the peaceful development of the Middle East.

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Mr. P. D. K. K. K. (Jewish Chronicle) 15/8.

Mr. P. D. K. K. K. asked me to support  
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Colonial Office,  
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31st July, 1947.

My Dear Harold,

I enclose a copy of a letter Martin has received from Leonard Stein about the attendance of D.F. Kessler of the "Jewish Chronicle" in New York for the United Nations Assembly discussion on Palestine.

As you probably know, under Kessler's directorship the "Jewish Chronicle" has recently been taking a much more moderate and reasonable line in connection with the Palestine question. We should be grateful if you would inform the permanent Delegation in New York, so that they can assist him in obtaining all reasonable facilities.

Yours ever  
Harold Smith

H. BEELEY, ESQ., C.B.E.

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Woburn House,  
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July 30th, 1947.

J. M. Martin, Esq., C.B.,  
The Colonial Office,  
London, S.W.1.

Dear Martin,

D. F. Kessler, who is the Managing Director of "The Jewish Chronicle", Ltd., is a member of the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association and has agreed to represent the Association in connection with the Palestine discussion at the United Nations General Assembly while in New York - primarily on "Jewish Chronicle" business - in September and October.

Kessler is well acquainted with our views on Palestine and is very knowledgeable on Middle Eastern matters generally.

We thought that you might like to know that he has undertaken to represent us, and we shall be very grateful for any facilities that can properly be accorded to him.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Leonard Stein  
President.

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Yours sincerely,

Leonard Stein  
President.

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*Dear Delegation,*

*We enclose a copy of a  
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the Anglo-Jewish Association,  
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which our relations have always  
been good. You will no  
doubt wish to keep the letter  
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should apply to you for any  
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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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Dear Delegation,

We enclose a copy of a letter we have received from the Anglo-Jewish Association, a responsible organization with which our relations have always been good. You will no doubt wish to keep the letter on record, in case Mr. Rosler should apply to you for any assistance. We have told the Association that you are being informed of Mr. Rosler's visit.

Yours ever,

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15th August, 1947.

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Dear Mr. Beeley,

I refer to our telephone conversation of this morning and am advised that any support which you feel you are able to give to my application for foreign exchange for the purposes of visiting the U.S.A. should be addressed to the Foreign Exchange Control, Bank of England, E.C.2. quoting reference T2/65012.

Mr. Stein has already informed you that I am visiting the U.S.A. principally in the interests of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE but I purposely arranged the visit to coincide with the session of the United Nations Assembly and, as you know, The Anglo-Jewish Association has asked me to represent it in connection with the Palestine discussions.

In my dual but distinct functions as Managing Director of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE and as a member of the Council of the A.J.A. I hope to have an opportunity - through my special contacts with the American Jewish Community - to contribute, even in a small degree, to the important and urgent task of improving Anglo-American relations, both as regards a solution of the Palestine question and in the wider sphere.

In connection with the affairs of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE my objects will be (a) to try and extend the scope of the paper in America and thereby to propagate a balanced Anglo-Jewish point of view and, I hope, to earn some dollars for the Treasury and (b) to make arrangements for an improved American representation which will enable British readers to gain a fair picture of American Jewish

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life. I suggest that there is an important propaganda element in both these objects.

Any representations which the Foreign Office can make in furthering my application to The Bank of England will be greatly appreciated and I should be grateful if you could let me know whether you can intervene in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Managing Director.**

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Mr. Kessler  
"The Jewish Chronicle"  
from  
Mr. Cable  
8 E, Chancery Lane  
London, E.C. 4

Dear Mr. Kessler.

Before going on leave,  
Mr. Bailey asked me to  
reply to your letter  
of the 15th August, requesting  
the support of the Foreign  
Office for your application  
for foreign exchange.

A letter has been  
sent to the Bank of England,  
as requested by you.

Yours sincerely  
J. E. Cable

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

26th August, 1947.

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*Dear Mr. Kessler*

Before going on leave,  
Mr. Beeley asked me to reply  
to your letter of the 15th  
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of the Foreign Office for your  
application for foreign exchange.

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sent to the Bank of England, as  
requested by you.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*(J.E. Cable)*

(J.E. Cable).

D.F. Kessler, Esq.,  
"The Jewish Chronicle",  
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To  
The Director,  
Foreign Exchange Control  
Bank of England

Copy to:  
Mr. Trafford Smith  
J.C.O.

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Sir,

I am directed by Mr.  
Secretary Benin to refer  
to the application for foreign  
exchange no. T2/65012 addressed  
to you by Mr. Kessler,  
Managing Director of the  
"Jewish Chronicle".

I am to state that  
Mr. Kessler's visit to the U.S.A.  
is being made with the  
knowledge and approval of  
the Departments concerned and  
I am, therefore, to suggest that  
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26th August, 1947.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bevin to refer to the application for foreign exchange No. T2/65012 addressed to you by Mr. Kessler, Managing Director of the "Jewish Chronicle".

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgt) P. Varman

The Director,  
Foreign Exchange Control,  
Bank of England.

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J.D. Tomkin

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Application for currency allocation

As stated in the report made with regard to  
General and also to allowing special allocation  
of funds currency for himself and his family  
conditional on the Government representatives  
being called before U.S.C.C.

(Minutes.)

Fixed with Treasury. A.S.A. informed.

H.B. 15/8

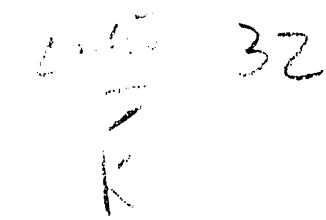
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to us if necessary.

Mr. Stein's address from August 12th will be:

Hotel Rembrandt,  
~~Ni~~ordwyk, HOLLAND,  
Noordwyk


(TELEPHONE NOORDWYK 50 and  
84)

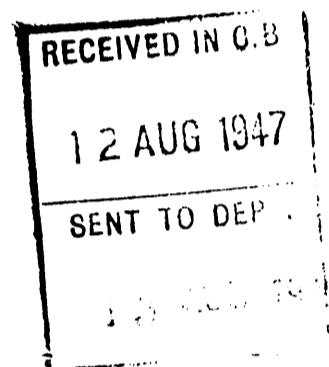
and my own address is:

Hotel Volkshaus,  
Pilatus Strasse,  
Lucerne.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

  
S. D. Temkin  
SECRETARY.



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File of Jews ex President Weinfeld

finger that donna to send Jews  
ex President Weinfeld to Germany to  
reconsidered, and some other illustrations  
to be selected.

(Minutes.)

(?) Standard reply

*J. E. Cable*  
(J. E. CABLE)  
29/8

Send (please see E 7770)

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August 26, 1947.

The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
S. W. 1.

E 7944

29 AUG 1947

Sir,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association to address you on the subject of the Jews trans-shipped from the S.S. "President Warfield".

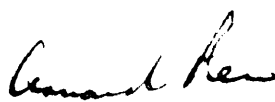
The Council in no way approve or condone the activities of those responsible for the sailing of this vessel, but they feel that they would be failing in their duty if they did not give expression to the concern and distress with which they have learnt of the decision to cause the passengers to be disembarked in Germany.

While recognising and deploring the difficulties which have been created for His Majesty's Government in this matter, the Council desire respectfully but most earnestly to represent that, even at this stage, the decision should be re-considered and some destination other than Germany selected.

The Council would be grateful if this communication could be brought to the notice of the Secretary of State. A similar letter is being addressed to the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Leonard Stein  
President.

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Registry Number } E11512/2051/31 FROM } S. P. Hengkin No. } Anglo Jewish Assoc. Dated } 28/11/47 Received in Registry } 20/12/47	Jews in Arabian countries The Committee has been much concerned of late by reports of discrimination in Palestine of Jews living in Arabian countries. The Committee would see Mr Leonard Allen to discuss question.
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Eastern Department.

Would department please advise Mr. Mayhew on the standing of the Anglo-Jewish Association, and on whether he should see its representative?

*M. Reddaway*

November 28th, 1947.

The Anglo-Jewish Association is a very reputable body, representing on the whole the more reasonable and moderate Jews of this country. Leonard Stein is a man of good standing. They adopted a Zionist ticket, but only after some heart searching.

Eastern Dept. Can see no reason why Mr Mayhew should not see Mr Stein on this question provided his

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his engagements permit

J. F. Stein

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Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

(RB)

Now see attached letter from  
Mr Belot)

While I am sure there is nothing  
against Mr Stein we ought to  
bear in mind that this may be  
the thin end of a wedge, & that we  
may become involved in seeing all  
kinds of Jewish representatives, which  
is just what the I. J. S. wants to  
avoid.

It might be better for Mr Stein to  
be seen at the departmental level.

J. F. Stein

3.12

I agree with Mr. Stein

MRB

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Mr. Stein  
Mr. Stein (Please enter).

Mr. Stein

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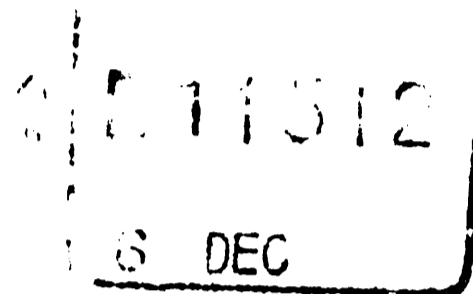
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November 20, 1947.



R. P. Heppel, Esq.,  
The Foreign Office,  
S. W. 1.


Dear Mr. Heppel,

The Anglo-Jewish Association has been much exercised of late by reports of the deterioration in the position of Jews living in Moslem countries.

It would be appreciated if there could be an opportunity for Mr. Leonard Stein (President of the Association) to call on the Under-Secretary of State for the purpose of discussing certain aspects of this question. I would be grateful if you could let me know when Mr. Mayhew could see Mr. Stein.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

  
S. D. Temkin  
Secretary.

*Mr Reddaway.*

*This letter has been unacknowledged!*

*R.M. 24.*  
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November 28th, 1947.

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Dear Mr. Temkin,

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of November 20th, in which you asked if Mr. Leonard Stein could have an appointment with Mr. Mayhew. Unfortunately the letter followed Mr. Heppel - who has now left Mr. Mayhew - to New York, and has only just returned to Mr. Mayhew's office.

I will put the matter to Mr. Mayhew without delay, and will write again shortly.

Yours faithfully,

Private Secretary.

S. D. Temkin, Esq.

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FROM THE READER IN THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF INSTITUTIONS: MR. MAX BELOFF

91 BANBURY ROAD

1) Mr. Mayhew  
2) F. Dept.

379 WOODSTOCK ROAD  
OXFORD  
TELEPHONE: 58934

28 November.1947.

To C.P. Mayhew M.P.

*My dear Chris,*

It is almost a year since we met at Chatham House and arranged to meet again but circumstances have not been propitious. I hope there may be a chance this vacation if nothing takes you abroad.

Meanwhile something has arisen that I thought you might not mind my writing a line about. You will have had a request by now from Leonard Stein, the president of the Anglo-Jewish Association for an interview, to ~~discuss with you~~ enable him to put before you certain information regarding the disquieting position of the Jews in the middle eastern countries (other than Palestine). I very much hope that despite your many preoccupations which I can imagine, you will find a moment to see him.

I don't know if Jewish questions have come your way since you entered the F.O., but if they have you will know that the Anglo-Jewish Association (of whose European Committee I am a member) is the most representative and the most responsible of the organizations representing the Jewish Community in this country. We have in particular tried in these very difficult circumstances to keep level-headed, and not to abandon the belief that I <sup>hold</sup> ~~had~~ very strongly myself, that whatever the rights and wrongs of particular British policies, the influence of Great Britain in the world is an important

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one for good where Jews are concerned, and that it is the business of the Jews of Great Britain in particular to help upholding in maintaining that ~~influence~~ influence.

I am not sure to what extent intervention by H.M.G., in the present question would be possible - the whole thing is obviously very closely bound up with the result of the Palestine deliberations - but Stein knows the facts better than I do, and I think you will find a talk with him well worth your while. He is a very good friend of mine.

Looking forward to seeing you when an occasion serves,

*Ever yours,  
Clax*

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December 4th, 1947.

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Many thanks for your letter of the 28th November about Leonard Stein.

I would very much have liked to have seen him myself, but I fear that I am so booked up with Parliamentary and Council of Foreign Ministers business - especially as Hector McNeil has been away in New York - that I simply cannot fit him in at the moment.

I have, however, arranged for him to see the Foreign Office official who deals with Jewish matters in the Middle East, and I will read the report of the interview with great interest.

Many thanks again for writing - I hope that we shall meet again soon.

(Sgd.) C. P. MAYHEW

Max Beloff, Esq.

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December 4th, 1947.

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Dear Mr. Temkin,

You will remember that on November 28th we said that your letter of November 20th was being placed before Mr. Mayhew.

He has now asked me to say that he is very sorry that he will not be able to see Mr. Leonard Stein in the near future, since his programme is already overflowing with Parliamentary and Council of Foreign Ministers business. He would, however, be very glad if Mr. Stein could see the Foreign Office official who deals with Jewish questions in the Middle East, and wonders whether you would give this official - Mr. Beith - a ring on Whitehall 8440, Extension 151, to fix an appointment?

Yours faithfully,

Private Secretary.

S. D. Temkin, Esq.

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